

## In the Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A rack mounted equipment case comprising a body tube having two ends, a connector panel secured to the body tube at a first end, and a removable lid at at least one end, wherein a surface of the connector panel is recessed relative to an outer profile of the case.
2. A rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 1, having a reduced-height, removable lid on the first end, and the connector panel surface is recessed relative to the reduced-height lid.
3. A rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connector panel surface is positioned above or below the reduced-height lid.
4. A rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 2 or 3, having a full-height, removable lid on the other end.
5. A rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 3 having a full-height removable lid on the other end.
6. A rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 2, wherein a second recessed connector panel surface is provided on the other end.
7. A rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connector panel is secured inboard of and closes the first end.
8. A rack mounted equipment case having a removable lid on an end, and a connector panel on the same end that is recessed relative to the removable lid.
9. A rack mounted equipment case as claimed in claim 8, wherein the or each connector panel surface is permanently secured to the case.

10. A rack mounted equipment case of claim 1, including a plurality of feet located on a bottom surface of the case, and a plurality of feet locators positioned on a top surface of the case, each foot being shaped to nest within a respective foot locator, the feet and feet locators being arranged in a substantially identical pattern to facilitate stable stacking of one equipment case on another.

11. The rack mounted equipment case of claim 1, including a plurality of latches for removably connecting each lid to the case.